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LETTER DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit three notes verbales with attachments dated 25 February 1991, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. to the Embassy of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria to be forwarded to the United States Department of State on the violation of territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Javad ZARIF
Ambassador
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex I

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria and has the honour to quote the attached message in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text of the message be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft and American aircraft have intercepted routine sea-patrolling missions of Iranian aircraft on the following dates and locations:

1. On 24 August 1990 at 0856 hours, United States warship number 30 at the position of N2559 and E5330 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2552 and E5334, not to get closer to the warship.

2. On 24 August 1990 at 1030 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2455 and E5840 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2511 and E5757, not to get closer to the warship.

3. On 3 September 1990 at 0210 hours, five United States warships at the position of N2431 and E5821 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2430 and E5808, not to get closer to the warship.

4. On 16 September 1990 at 1025 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2450 and E5750 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2415 and E5825, not to get closer to the warship.

5. On 25 September 1990 at 1201 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2410 and E5900 at a distance of 40 miles away warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2436 and E5821, to change its course.

6. On 28 September 1990 at 1140 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2425 and E5800 at a distance of 40 miles away warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2441 and N5720, to maintain a distance of 25 miles from the warship.

7. On 3 October 1990 at 1350 hours, four United States warships at the position of N2345 and E5918 gave a strong warning to the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2355 and E5918, to change its course 40 degrees and to an altitude of 10,000 feet.

8. On 7 October 1990 at 1536 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2430 and E5808 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2453 and E5748, not to get closer to the warship.

9. On 12 October 1990 at 1105 hours, United States warship number 975 at the position of N2612 and E5355 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2611 and E5425, not to get closer to the warship.

10. On 14 October 1990 at 1116 hours, six United States warships at the position of N2430 and E5850 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2411 and E5844, not to get closer to the warship.

11. On 21 October 1990 at 1105 hours, United States warship number 975 at the position of N2612 and E5355 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2611 and E5425, not to get closer to the warship.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such illegal actions by the Government of the United States.

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A. Warnings by United States warships

1. On 22 October 1990 at 1330 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2430 and E5802 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2432 and E5723, not to get closer to the warship and to change its course towards the north-west.

2. On 30 October 1990 at 1140 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2430 and E5830 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2423 and E5826, not to get closer to the warship.

3. On 2 November 1990 at 1151 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2445 and E5750 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2554 and E5735, not to get closer to the warship.

4. On 14 November 1990 at 1340 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2705 and E5100 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2715 and E5052, to change its course.

5. On 16 November 1990 at 1200 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2644 and E5626 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2644 and E5624, not to get closer to the warship.

6. On 16 November 1990 at 1255 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2450 and E5706 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2449 and E5740, not to get closer to the warship.

7. On 16 November 1990 at 1300 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2628 and E5556 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2630 and E5556, not to get closer to the warship.

8. On 21 November 1990 at 1400 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2650 and E5145 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2630 and E5110, not to get closer to the warship and guided the aircraft towards north.

B. Interceptions by United States aircraft

1. On 23 October 1990 at 1020 hours, two United States A-4 aircraft at the position of N2550 and E5350 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

2. On 23 October 1990 at 1222 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft at the position of N2437 and E5756 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

3. On 29 October 1990 at 1313 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft at the position of N2439 and E5727 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

4. On 30 October 1990 at 1124 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft at the position of N2500 and E5755 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

5. On 2 November 1990 at 1158 hours, three United States F-18 aircraft at the position of N2400 and E5744 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

6. On 4 November 1990 at 1209 hours, two United States F-18 aircraft at the position of N2448 and E5803 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

7. On 4 November 1990 at 1455 hours, United States A-6 aircraft number 605 at the position of N2434 and E5838 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

8. On 5 November 1990 at 1209 hours, two United States F-18 aircraft at the position of N2446 and E5802 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

9. On 8 November 1990 at 1006 hours, two United States A-7 aircraft at the position of N2604 and E5350 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

10. On 9 November 1990 at 1154 hours, a United States A-6 aircraft at the position of N2450 and E5750 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

11. On 11 November 1990 at 1155 hours, a United States F-18 aircraft at the position of N2513 and E5734 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

12. On 12 November 1990 at 1224 hours, two United States F-18 aircraft, numbers 312 and 313, at the position of N2452 and E5755 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

13. On 13 November 1990 at 1151 hours, a United States F-18 aircraft at the position of N2429 and E5802 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

14. On 14 November 1990 at 1159 hours, two United States F-18 aircraft at the position of N2431 and E5743 intercepted and chased an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

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According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 16 November 1990 at 1340 hours United States aircraft aggressed into the territorial sea airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran and at position N2630 and E5655 intercepted an Iranian sea-patrolling aircraft.

The occurrence of the United States aircraft's flight without prior permission and the disregard of the principles of international law are nothing but clear violations of the sovereignty and legal right to enforce the law of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such lawlessness and the deliberate and unjustifiable actions of the United States aircraft which are contrary to the orders of international law of committed Governments and insistently demands that these aggressions be stopped.